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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: GOG PARTICIPTION IN NON-

ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOREIGN MINISTERS

MEETING IN NEW DELHI

1. IN MEETING MARCY WITH SECRETARY GENERAL IN FOREIGN
MINISTRY ALEXIS OBAME, DCM RAISED QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION
IN NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. OBAME REPLIED THAT
GOG WILL HAVE OBSERVER DELEGATION IN NEW DELHI HEADED BY
GABONESE AMBASSADOR IN TEHRAN.

2. IN DISCUSSING NAM GENERALLY, OBAME REMARKED THAT GABONESE
HAVE LEARNED HARD WAY THAT PRELIMIARY MEETING SUCH AS
NEW DELHI NACCFM OFTEN DETERMINE ISSUES AND POSITIONS THAT
ARE THEN RUBBER STAMPED BY NAM SUMMIT OR PUSHED IN OTHER
INTERNATIONAL FORA AS "THIRD WORLD POSITIONS." OBAME WAS
MEMBER OF GOG DELEGATION AT 1975 LIMA NAM MINISTERIAL AND
SAW THAT GABONESE AND OTHER MODERATES THERE WERE NOT
PROPERLY PREPARED TO RESIST POLITICAL STRATEGY OF
ORGANIZATIONS MILITARNT MEMBERS. BECAUSE OF BAD
EXPERIENCE IN LIMA, NAM MODERATES WERE BETTER ORGANIZED
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AND ACHEIVED MORE ACCEPTABLE RESULTS AT COLOMBO SUMMIT,
OBAME SAID.

3. GOG WOULD LIKE NAM TO FOCUS ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND
AVOID DIVISIVE POLITICAL ONES, ACCORDING TO OBAME, AND
GABONESE DELEGATION IN NEW DELHI WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO
USE ITS INFLUENCE TOWARDS THIS END. OBAME ALSO MENTIONED

THAT KOREAN QUESTION WAS OF INTEREST TO GABON, AND IN
REPLY TO QUERY BY DCM, STATED THAT GOG ALSO AWARE OF US
POSITION CONCERNING PUERTO RICO AND WOULD OPPOSE EFFORTS
IN NACCFM TO RAISE THESE ISSUES.

4. COMMENT: WHILE GOG DELEGATION ONLY HAS OBSERVER
STATUS AT NACCFM, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WORTHWHILE TO KEEP
GABONESE IN NEW DELHI INFORMED OF US POSITIONS ON KEY
ISSUES. TO THIS END, IT MIGHT BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL TO
HAVE AIDE-MEMOIRE ON PUERTO RICO IN FRENCH AVAILABLE
TO GIVE GOG DELEGATION.

5. GABONESE AMBASSADOR TO IRAN PIERRE- CLAVER EYEGUET,
WHO WILL HEAD GOG DELEGATION TO NACCFM, WENT FROM MINOR
MINISTERIAL POSITION IN GOG TO TEHRAN FOLLOWING CABINET
RESHUFFLE IN OCTOBER 1976. EYEGUET IS EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT
WHO SPEAKS ENGLISH AND SHOULD BE EASILY APPROACHABLE
BY US REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW DELHI. STEIGMAN

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